Morse code is one of the things that separates Ham Radio from the other services available to the public, such as the Citizens' Band. I and many other young hams that I know are in favor of keeping Morse Code requirements for the Amateur Bands; in fact, we would like to see the Morse requirements increased to the levels they were at until recently (in other words, Morse Code would be a requirement for an entry level license into Ham Radio.

One question for consideration: how much of this recent push to eliminate Morse Code requirements has come from equipment manufacturers who simply want a larger market for new equipment? In my opinion, it is not worth changing the face of Amateur Radio to provide more sales to manufacturers.

Thank you for your consideration.